

REMARKS

As a supplement to the Amendment filed June 1, 2007, Applicants are amending claims 23, 28, 30, 32, 35 and 41. Claim 36 has been canceled. New claims 43 and 44 have been added. Applicants' remarks provided in the Amendment filed June 1, 2007 are incorporated herein by reference.

Claims 5, 6, 22-28, 30 and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,608,446 to Carr, in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,915,530 to Kaufman and U.S. Patent No. 5,901,340 to Flickinger. Claims 23-28, 30 and 32 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the above combination of references, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,493,875.

The Examiner's courtesies extended to Applicants and their representatives during the interview held August 17, 2007 are greatly appreciated. During the interview, the independent claims were discussed. Applicants have amended the claims to clarify portions identified by the Examiner.

Applicants discussed the combinations of the Carr, Kauffman Flickinger and Eames patents with respect to the independent claims. The Examiner agreed that the clarifying amendments discussed would appear to obviate the rejections of record. As also discussed independent claims 35, 41 and 43 recite features of allowable independent claim 22. The present application is considered to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the issues to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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